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KEEWATIN NORMAN
We are having prepared a cut of the East Falls for insertion here.
RAT PORTAGE

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THE RECORD'S circulation this week is eight hundred. The advertisers are getting into our columns. It will pay to read their announcements.

WHY?

In the first issue of THE RECORD notice was taken of the need for attention by the Government to the navigation of the Rainy river Since then a man has lost his life in assisting the crew of a steamer to pass over one of the dangerous places. Last year an appropriation of $2500 was made by the Dominion Government to improve the navigation of the river, but that was the only action taken, and the money has reverted. Our member, Mr. G. H. Macdonell, should see to it that the appropriation is revoted, and that the money is spent. His duty to his constituents demands that he should strongly urge upon the Government the great necessity of the work, and as far as lies in his power insist upon it being proceeded with. If he wants to earn a reputation for rigidity of spinal column he has now an opportunity. Any member of the House, who is not a dolt, can make the wants of his constituents known, and if his demands are reasonable, by proper insistence he can usually obtain compliance with his requests. In this case the necessity is great, and the only unreasonable thing about it is that the appropriation was not spent last year; yes, made and spent long ago. Rainy river traffic is increasing every year and it is more than high time that the Manitou and Long Sault were so improved as to make them passable without incurring such great risks as the loss of life, time and money. If our member does his duty now this matter will be attended to without further delay, and the aggravating hindrances to the navigation of Rainy river largely removed. The benefits accruing will be of advantage to the people of Rainy river as well as the whole Lake of the Woods district, and will prevent diversion of much of the legitimate river trade by the Duluth and Winnipeg railway, which is likely to be completed at an early period.

SPECIAL OFFER.

While we have fixed our rate of subscription at $1.50 per annum, we have decided to make a special offer to hold good during the balance of 1891. To all who pay their subscriptions in advance we will send THE RECORD till the end of 1892 for $1.50, which is equal to giving the balance of the present year free on payment of one year's subscription. Now, friends, hand in your names, and ask your neighbors to do likewise. We are after a big list, and are determined to get there.

Senator McInnis, B.C., has given notice that he will move a clause to amend the Dominion Controverted Elections act to prohibit civil servants taking part in Dominion elections. In the category is included all persons in the Northwest Territories in government employ. Any breach of the act will constitute a misdemeanor, and is liable to a fine not to exceed $500, or imprisonment not exceeding six months.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

—The first issue of a new paper, the WEEKLY RECORD, published by James Wiedman, Rat Portage, formerly of Qu'Appelle, is to hand. The initial number is well printed all at home, and devoted almost exclusively to local matter, which is the best class of reading for a local paper.—The Commercial Winnipeg.

—The budget debate on Tuesday in the House of Commons was continued till half past four Wednesday morning, when there was a division. There was a very full house, 202 members being present and thirteen seats vacant. There were 88 yeas for Sir Richard Cartwright's amendment to include manufactured articles in the proposed treaty with the United States, and reduce the duty on the necessaries of life, and 114 nays, a government majority of 26. It was a straight party vote. Mr. Vaillancourt voted with the opposition. The following ministerialists were absent: Barnard, McCarthy, McGreevy, Smith; then there was the speaker. On the Opposition side the following were absent: Mackenzie, Gibson, Prefontaine, Walsh Tarte and Savard. Two seats, Richelieu and Kingston. If the absentees had been present, four for the Ministry and six for the Opposition, the vote would have stood, yeas 94, nays 114, or a government majority of 24. Mr. McGreevy was in the city but did not vote.

—In the House of Lords on Monday Lord Mountstephen, president of the Canadian Pacific railway, took the usual oath and his seat.

—A prominent liberal member of the Imperial Parliament says that, notwithstanding Mr. Gladstone, the Liberals in the next Parliament will show a majority against any bill giving Ireland a separate Government.

—Mr. Ross, of Lisgar, waited on the Minister of Fisheries respecting new fishery regulations and drew his attention to the fault found with them in Manitoba and the Northwest. Mr. Tupper, in reply, said that a misapprehension evidently existed as to their purport and effect. He said they did not affect individual fishermen. Tupper promised to give explanations for publication in a few days.

A page of the last issue of the Dominion Illustrated presents a complete group of portraits of the Canadian Bisley team of 1891, with a brief sketch of the shooting record for each member. It is timely and interesting. Another page shows the Canadian exhibit at the Royal Agricultural fair, Doncaster, Eng., and the Prince and Princess of Wales and suite arriving and departing from the same. There are portraits and biographical sketches of the late J. Beaufort Hurlbert, L.L. D., widely remembered in connection with the Jesuit's Estates bill controversy, and of F. Blake Brofton, the well known Nova Scotia litterateur. A full page engraving shows that prince of gothic structures, the famed cathedral at Rheims, which is made the subject of a fine description by Miss A. MacLeod. Of Canadian churches, there are exterior and interior views of St. George's cathedral, Kingston with a most interesting historical article on early Anglicanism in Upper Canada. Other engravings include Windsor, N.S., in 1840; ruins of the old house near Montreal, where it is said Amherst and Vaudriel signed the articles of capitulation in 1760; on the Lower St. Lawrence, showing Cacouna Beach and Tadousac Bay; interior of Fort Henry, Kingston; the Studley Quoit club of Halifax, with a sketch of the history of this club, beloved of English army and navy officers, and a reproduction of F. D. Millet's Michaelmas Daisies. Among the Bluenoses, by Sidney Owen, is a bright contribution, and Mrs. Curzon's description of a trip to Bobcageon breathes upon us the breath of the fields and streams "beyond the railway." This number is a particularly charming one throughout.

—A Sarnia special says: Capt. Martin Mahoney, of the schooner Aurora, has been presented with a valuable gold watch, chain, and compass, worth over $300, by the United States Government in recognition of his bravery in saving a women and ten men, the crew of the schooner Charles C. Ryan, a United States vessels which was shipwrecked June 9th 1890 in Lake Auron. Capt. Mahoney was then in command of the schooner M. L. Breck and had set sail from Georgian Bay with a load of lumber for Sarnia. When thirty miles south of Cove Island he sighted the Ryan, which was waterlogged. The wind was blowing a heavy gale and it was almost impossible to reach her. He rounded the schooner three times before he succeeded, and had no sooner rescued all those on board, consisting of one women and ten men, then the ill-fated vessel went down. The shipwrecked crew were brought to Sarnia. American consul Farrar at this port reported to the United States Government the facts connected with the brave rescue of American citizens by a Canadian Captain and as a result the watch, chain, and compass were forwarded to the British Government, thence to Ottawa. From there the Minister of Finance sent it to Mayor Watson, with instructions to make the presentation in as public a manner as possible. In the absence of the mayor, and to suit the convenience of the captain, a large gathering of prominent citizens was hastily convened in the parlors of the Belchamber House, and the presentation was made by the Rev. Clement, who accompanied it with a brief congratulatory speech. United States Consul Peace followed, warmly thanking the captain on behalf of the United States Government for his brave and human act.

WHAT THE RECORD WILL DO.

It will track railway topics.

It will prospect for mining news.

It will drive lumbering matters.

It will give grists of milling items.

It will give pleasure to our summer visitors.

It will paddle for boating and marine paragraphs.

It will whirl the advantages and importance of our Lake of the Woods water power.

It will be printed so that it can be read.

It will endeavor to be a credit to the district.

It will endeavor to merit a weclome entrance into every house.

It will make the interests of the trio towns its chief politics.

It will be pleased to receive any item of local news from anybody.

It will prepare and publish each week three times as much original reading matter in reference to the trio towns and district as any paper heretofore printed here.

WHAT THE RECORD WILL NOT DO.

It will not assume that the town is run for its special benefit.

It will not pad its columns or give away space to make a show.

It will not profess to be "Independent in politics"—all on one side.

It will not allow its columns to be used as a vent for personal feeling.

It will not examine its advertising columns before admitting an item of news.

It will not foster local jealousies nor in any way manifest a sectional spirit.

It will not tolerate delay in the delivery of its copies by the postal authorities or other carriers.

It will not run dead advertisements for years, months or even weeks merely to make a paper of size.

It will not knowingly permit references directly or indirectly to private affairs that do not concern the public.

It will not send papers except sample copies to any one who has not subscribed, and then practice the "stand and deliver" policy of firing the newspaper law at him to make him pay up.

If you are not subscribing for or advertising in THE RECORD, it is time to do so.

REDUCTION WORKS.

Another Large Industrial Establishment for Rat Portage.

The Lake of the Woods Gold and Silver Reduction Works are now in complete running order. Some sampling and testing of ores has taken place, and next week the works will be running on Climax ore, several hundred tons having been brought in from the location, which lies near the eastern shore of the Lake.

The various successful processes for the treatment of gold and silver ores, from a commercial standpoint, are divisible into four general classes, depending upon the peculiar characteristics of the ores. In the first class are grouped all those of gold and silver based upon the use of fire or heat, and formed into a common bullion, lead being the constituent, and subsequently separated by igneous processes. The second method is amalgamation, which embraces the plate, pan, hand and patio processes, or types of this class, the ores being more or less regarded as free milling. A third process is applied to those ores which are not smelting through want of proper fluxes, and which are called dry ores, and must of necessity be prepared before they are subjected to any of the various methods of amalgamation or lixiviation, although the repeated trials show that by careful handling the former is preferable to the latter, particularly upon the generality of gold and silver ores. A fourth class of ores is rich in both gold and silver in the condition of concentrates, and rich sulphide silver ores, which cannot be treated by the ordinary method. To prevent volatilization in the treatment of the latter seems to be the primary object that all metallurgists care for.

This much is said by way of a preface to a description of the various methods employed in the Rat Portage reduction works.

THE COMPANY.

The Lake of the Woods Gold and Silver Reduction Co. has a capital of $200,000, divided into 20,000 shares of $10 each. 12,000 shares of the stock were set aside for the erection of the works, and there are 8,000 shares in the treasury for working capital. The Company's property consists of a point of the main shore between the town of Rat Portage and the Winnipeg river, near the bridge over the eastern branch where it leaves the lake of the Woods, and lies within the corporation. The location is a most suitable one, facing southward on the Lake of the Woods, and wholly separated from the main land by the Canadian Pacific railway, from which a switch has been put in for the convenience of the works. The property comprised about three acres, which is now extended to four acres by wharves.

THE BUILDING

presents an imposing appearance, viewed from the town, being 120 feet long by 117 feet wide, rising to a height of 80 feet above the water. There is also an isolated blacksmith shop and other outhouses. All the ore enters at the north end, and after being weighed is dumped on the floor, where it is fed into two rock crushers. One of these is the Linn crusher, which combines the principles of both the Blake and Dodge machines. This crusher is the invention of Mr. Robert Linn, and does its work most effectually. Rock to the size of eight by twelve inches and under is fed into it, and about twenty per cent. is reduced to an impalpable powder, the remainder ranging all shapes and sizes up to a common playing marble. The capacity is six tons per hour. The other crusher is known as the "American," and works on a somewhat different principle, having about half the capacity of the Linn. Both machines chew up the rock in a wonderful manner, and while doing so seem to be working easily with scarcely any perceptible jar, the only noise being the grinding of the rock as the extraordinary power of the crushers is acting thereon. The crushed rock drops to the foot of an elevator connected with each machine. While descending about one per cent. of the ore is arrested and this is what constitutes the sample. Ninety-nine per cent. is elevated to a height of forty feet, where it is discharged into two hoppers, and from there it is automatically fed into two pulverizers, from which it is issued through a 040 mesh sieve into the concentrators. The concentrates are run through a three compartment reverberating furnace, which is 49 feet long by 15 feet wide and has a heating surface of 583 square feet, then dried and desulphurized or deodorized as may be required by the nature of the ore. They are then cooled and passed to four California steam grinding and amalgamating pans, then into two agitators and finally into two settlers, from which the wash passes off by boxes bottomed with the Howard riffles, which arrest any mineral that passes the amalgamators. The residuum is finally cleaned up, retorted, melted, assayed, weighed and shipped. This is the process by which all low grade ores bearing gold and silver are now treated. All silver ores carrying above fifteen per cent. of lead pass through a crusher and direct to a smelting furnace, where it is smelted and refined, and then melted and assayed as before. All high grade gold ores and concentrates of either gold or silver are simply smelted and refined without having to pass through any other process. The capacity of the works is

EIGHT TONS PER HOUR

of gold ore, and in addition one half can be run upon silver ore at the same time, without interfering with the smelting portion of the works. The Company's furnaces are of the very latest improved style, and one, the smelting furnace, is the first of the kind ever erected in Canada. The improvements in the furnace will be of incalculable benefit in preventing valatization, and are the inventions of Mr. H. J. Powers, under whose direction the works have been erected. His experience in this line is a large and varied one. This is the eighth establishment of the kind he has completed and operated, and the company has had the advantage of all the improvements suggested by Mr. Powers' previous experience. The appliances of the company are so perfect that from high grade gold and silver ores the full assay value can be extracted, and from low grade ores 99 to 99½ per cent. can be obtained. Taking the ores from the natural condition and producing the precious metals in their pure state, as a gold and silver reduction works this establishment has no equal in Canada, and is only exceeded on the continent in point of capacity, but not in the completeness of machinery and apparatus. Hence the Company is prepared to pay a higher price for all Canadian gold and silver ore than can possibly be got on the other side of the line, and they expect to obtain a large amount of the western product from the smelters to be refined.

The motive power of the works is derived from two large boilers and a 120-horse power engine of the best class.

—The Indians on Grassy Narrows reserve receoived their treaty on the 28th inst., and as a consequence they are nearly all at home. The government is having a school house built on this reserve. That is, the government pays a part while the Roman Catholic church is the other party, and takes a great deal of interest in civilizing and Christianizing the poor Indian. Mr. Henry Kelly, formerly teacher on the reserve is mechanic, and expects to finish the building in about a week. Mr. C. Dahm is Mr. Kelly's successor as teacher and will re-open the school in a few days. The Indians have not yet turned to farming extensively, as there is too much game.

WHAT BECAME OF A LIE.

"First, somebody told it,
Then the room wouldn't hold it
So the busy tongues rolled it
Till they got it outside,
When the crowd came across it
Till it grew long and wide.

From a very small lie, sir,
It grew deep and high, sir,
Till it reached the sky, sir,
And darkened the moon;
For she hid her sweet face, sir,
At the dreadful disgrace, sir,
That had happened at noon.

This lie brought forth others,
Dark sisters and brothers,
And fathers and mothers—
A terrible crew;
And while headlong they hurried,
The people they flurried,
And troubled and worried,
As lies always they do.

And so, evil boded,
This monstrous lie goaded,
Till at last it exploded
In smoke and in shame,
While from mud and from mire,
The pieces flew higher,
And hit the sad liar,
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KEEWATIN.

This page of THE RECORD is reserved for Keewatin news and advertisements, and we think we can fill it in that way when we get running smoothly; watch it.

—The municipal council will meet on Monday next.

—Mr. Chas. Mackey has gone to Fort Frances to see the Rainy river country.

—Some of our citizens are suffering just now with sporadic cholera, the usual summer complaint.

—Mr. J. L. Small, of Norman, exchanges with Rev. Mr. Jamieson and will preach in the Methodist church on Sunday evening.

—Mr. F. W. Canniff, who has established himself in the drug and stationery business at Rat Portage, moved his family over this week.

—The steamer Mary Hatch came in on Thursday from the river boom having in tow 780,000 feet of logs for Messrs. Dick, Banning & Co.

—Dr. Edmison says there have been no cases of fever of any kind contracted in Keewatin this year, and the general health is excellent.

—Mr. S. A. McGaw, who is ill with typhoid fever, is improving. The fever was contracted in Southern Manitoba. Mrs. McGaw and family arrived here on Saturday last from Goderich, Ont., where they had gone to spend the summer, but returned to nurse him.

—Rev. Mr. Haig of Glenboro occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church last Sabbath morning. Mr. McKay of Parkdale Presbyterian church, Toronto, took charge of the evening service. The addresses from both gentlemen were appreciated by large audiences. Mr. Copeland occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church.

—The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. are building six new elevators on the western prairies this season. The third one was completed at McDonald station, M. & N. W. Ry., on Thursday, and the men moved to Elkhorn yesterday to begin the fourth. For housing this season's grain crop the Co. will have twenty elevators and seven storehouses. The mill continues running steadily day and night.

—The Lake of the Woods Milling Co. have received the highest award given for flour at the Jamaica exhibition, being a Certificate of Honor and a gold medal. At their own expense they sent fifteen barrels of flour, paying the freight thereon, but they have doubtless opened a new market for their flour. The flour was all baked into bread by the Dominion Exhibit Commission and distributed, and elicited great praise for its excellence. This speaks volumes for the Company's superior facilities for milling the No. 1 hard wheat of the Canadian Northwest.

—The Young Men's Christian Association campers are planning to have an excursion put on the lake on Monday next on steamer "Shamrock." There will be accommodation for a few outside of the campers at Keewatin and any who would like to accompany the excursionists should apply to Mr. Scott at the camp at once. The boat is expected to leave Rat Portage wharf at 9 o'clock, a. m., will stop at Sandy Beach (Coney Island) and will then call at Keewatin and the association camp. Returning the boat will reach Rat Portage about 20 o'clock. Tickets will be 50 cents.

—The employees of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co. gave an excursion on the Lake on Monday last. The steamer Shamrock was chartered by the reading room committee, and Messrs. Cameron & Kennedy kindly lent their barge Annie for the day, and a large number attended both from Keewatin and Rat Portage. The day's trip was a most enjoyable one, the weather being fine and the arrangements for the pleasure of the excursionists being complete. The barge was used for dancing to good music. Mr. F. E. Bray deserves great credit for the manner in which the whole affair was managed. The reading room committee propose holding several moonlight excursions during the summer.

—Mr. R. A. Mather took a trip to Winnipeg this week.

—Mr. J. M. Savage, of Rat Portage, visited our town this week.

—We were pleased to see Rev. J. L. Small on our streets again this week.

—The steamer Shamrock left on Wednesday night for Fort Francis with passengers and freight.

—Mr. C. M. Copeland, of the Y. M. C. A., conducted the Methodist service on Sunday evening last.

—The Methodist Sunday school held their annual picnic yesterday at the foot of Bay street. A very enjoyable time was spent.

—Our townsman, Mr. R. Mackey, has had three successful immersions in the Lake but still claims to be a Methodist.

—Mr. H. E. Brown will conduct the service in the Presbyterian on Sunday evening at 19 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Manson takes the morning services.

—Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Jamieson, Mrs. Geo. Barnes and Miss McMurray, of Rat Portage, were here yesterday attending the Methodist Sunday school picnic.

—The steamer D. L. Mather arrived from the river boom yesterday morning with a raft of logs of 1,464,000 feet and 2,000 telegraph poles for the Keewatin Lumber Co.

—Half of Keewatin, including their wives and best girls, went to the C.P.R. picnic at Rennie on Monday, and all joined in voting the railroad boys a success in getting up picnics.

BIRTHS.

REEKIE.—On Monday, June 15th, the wife of Albert E. Reekie, of a son.

SMITH.—On the 14th July, the wife of W. J. Smith, of a son.

—Last week Leahey was charged with carrying a revolver without reasonable excuse, and was sentenced to 15 days imprisonment, by Mr. W. D. Lyon S.M.

FORT FRANCIS.

—Last week Judge Lyon was here. A man named Perrault was brought before him and fined $50 and costs for having intoxicating liquor on Reserve No. 18 near here. He had five bottles in a box. In defense he said that it was for mechanical purposes, as he was making shingles, which gave him a pain in the chest for which he used it, but did not say whether externally or internally.

—The Globes London correspondent cables: "A statement which may be taken as authentic appears in the Canadian Gazette this week regarding the visit to this country of President Van Horne, of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The Gazette says the visit is mainly on personal grounds, and not one of the wonderful reasons for it given in the press has any foundation whatever. As to the rumored union with the Grand Trunk, the interest of the two roads and Canada lies not in union, but in above board rivalry.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Industrial School, Red Deer, N. W. T.," will be received at this office until Monday, 10th August, 1891, for the several works required in the erection of Industrial School, Red Deer, N. W. T.

Specifications may be seen at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, and at the office of H. D. Johnson, Calgary, N. W. T., at the office of H. J. Peters, Regina, and at the office of D. Smith, Winnipeg, on and after July 20th July, and tenders will not be considered unless made on form supplied and signed with actual signatures of tenderers.

An accepted bank cheque payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to 5 per cent. of amount of tender, must accompany each tender. This cheque will be forfeited if the party decline the contract, or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. By order

E. F. E. ROY,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 14th July, 1891.

The Barge Bertha McKay

110 x 24

May be chartered for all kinds of heavy freight, or engaged for excursion parties on [illegible]

Lumber, Telephone and Telegraph Poles and Posts of every kind.

W. W. McKAY, [illegible]

SUMMER INSTITUTE.

Canadian Northwest Y. M.C.A. Outing On the Lake of the Woods.

The summer institute of the Young Men's Christian association of the Canadian Northwest is in session on the southern extremity of Keewatin's picturesque sandy beach. The tents are pitched on the hillside, from which numerous islands and Rat Portage, three miles distant, can be plainly seen. The large tent which takes the place of college, and in which the sessions for Bible study are held, is situated on a more prominent cliff and commands a more extended view.

Saturday was spent in making preparations for the work of the ensuing week. Tents had to be pitched, and camping outfits put in order, but towards evening the necessary preparations were completed, and nothing then remained but to try a hand at such sport as the famous Lake of the Woods affords. Fishing was resorted to and a jackfish paid the death penalty.

Sunday morning was spent in divine service at Rat Portage and Keewatin, and in the afternoon the first session for Bible study was held and was conducted by Mr. H. E. Brown, International secretary of the Y.M.C.A.

His plan of study is simple, logical and comprehensive, and commends itself to the intelligence of the student. One of its advantages is that it prepares the student for a subsequent private study of the Bible.

Monday morning the following officers were elected and duly invested with the emblems of office, viz:

Mr. C. M. Copeland, president.
Rev. A. M. Haig, secretary.
Mr. Joseph Ball, police magistrate.

Those present are: Mr. H. E. Brown, international secretary, Y. M. C. A.; Mr. and Mrs. Copeland and child, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McIntyre and child, Winnipeg; G. Fleming, Brandon; J. P. Siemens, Gretna; W. Laird, Alex. Ege, R. E. Scott, H. Wadge, J. Ball, W. H. Hall, A. H. Povah, P. H. Allen, Winnipeg; Rev. A. M. Haig, Rev. R. S. Thompson, Glenboro; Rev. Mr. McKay, Parkdale, Toronto; Jas. McIntosh and W. P. Argue, Neepawa.

On Tuesday evening at the Presbyterian church, the Young Men's Christian Association campers were entertained by the ladies. A large number of the citizens met to welcome the delegates, a sumptuous repast was served in the Lecture Room, during which time the audience in the body of the church engaged in social conversation at 9 p. m., Mr. Kay took the chair. The audience joined in singing a hymn. Mr. Manson offered prayer, and the choir sang an anthem. Mr. Kay at this stage in a neat speech welcomed the campers to Keewatin. Miss Campbell, of Winnipeg, sang a solo "Abide With Me" to the delight of the audience. At this stage Mr. Copeland, provincial secretary, replied to the address of welcome in a pointed speech, he was followed by a solo from Mrs. Huggins. Mr. Brown, of New York City, delivered an address dealing with Y. M. C. A. work in general, he also made known the object of the camp, viz. Bible study and pleasure. His address was much appreciated. Mr. and Mrs. Manson sang a duett, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," followed by an anthem from the choir. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of the doxology, the people dispersed feeling that a pleasant evening had been spent.

—The average death rate of eight cities and towns in the province of Quebec for last month was 2.32 per thousand, while in 16 Ontario cities and towns the average was only .87. The showing for Quebec is worse than usual, but there is always a marked difference between the two provinces in this respect. There may be various causes for this state of affairs, but chief among them is undoubtedly neglect of sanitary precautions against disease in Quebec.

—A Montrealer who has just returned from a trip through the Western States and the Canadian North-West says that never in his life had he seen so much destitution and begging and so many tramps as in the Tacoma and Seattle districts. "From the time he left Glenforks till he passed Tacoma, tramps surrounded the dining car at every station, begging for money and food. At one station in particular, just before crossing the Columbia river, three tramps were hung up in effigy to a sign post, with a notice posted above them that any tramps found around the neighborhood would be treated in the manner

M. W. O. & M. L. A.

The Lumbermen Excurt to Rainy River.

It was a happy conception of the Lumbermen's association to bring their dealers to the Lake of the Woods to see its beauties, enjoy a pleasant day and compare notes on the business outlook. On Wednesday morning of last week there was noticeable on the streets of Rat Portage a considerable number of business-like and intelligent looking men who were making their way to the main street wharf, where the steamers Empress and Couchiching and a barge were lying, gaily decorated and prepared for a two day's trip. The Winnipeg brass band made the streets lively with some of their choice airs before embarking. A start was made about 9:30 o'clock. Wherever practicable the barge was run between the two steamers and used for a connection and means of uniting the three as one. In this way the sociableness of the party was general and allowed freedom of communication amongst all on board. By far the larger numb r of visitors had never made the trip up the lake, and were delighted with the grand beauty of the scenery. The river was reached in the evening. Uncle Sam's custom house officer was greeted by the band playing "Marching Through Georgia." Hughes & Co's. mill was visited and the boom was reached shortly after dark where a halt was made for the night. Some were thinking of sleep, but with such a jolly party, jokes good-natured and practical prevented any considerable wooing of Morpheus. Thursday morning a further run of ten miles was made up the river when the return trip was commenced. Both going and coming the big traverse was somewhat rough, and those who were not good sailors summarily disposed of their last meal, while others enjoyed the tossing thoroughly. The association made ample provisions for the inner man, which were served up by Mr. A. Cameron, the cook of the Couchiching, whose efforts to please the pallate were appreciated by the presentation of a well-filled purse. Near the end of the return trip the visitors were assembled and Mr. Patrick and Judge Dubuc in a few appropriate remarks moved a vote of thanks for the very agreeable excursion given them. This was greeted by three re-echoing cheers, and was responded to by Messrs R. A. Mather, Cameron and Hall. A landing was made at Rat Portage about 23 o'clock, closing a most enjoyable excursion, and one that will long be remembered by all. The association, while having business in view in bringing their customers here and meeting them on so pleasant a footing, deserve the thanks of the community in general for making the attractiveness of the Lake of the Woods as a pleasure resort more widely known. The following is a list of those attending:

J. M. Hall, secretary of the Association, Rat Portage.
L. Hilliard, Rat Portage.
R. Hall, Rat Portage.
J. M. Savage, Rat Portage.
J. Arbuthnot, Rat Portage.
J. A. McCrossan, Rat Portage.
W. T. Creighton, Norman.
D. C. Cameron, Norman.
P. A. Smith Norman.
R. A. Mather, Keewatin.
F. E. Bray, Keewatin.
Chas. Burly, Portage la Prairie.
A. F. E. Philips, Winnipeg.
F. H. Mathewson, Bank of Ottawa, Winnipeg.
H. M. Breden, Winnipeg.
D. E. Sprague, Winnipeg.
G. H. Brown, Winnipeg.
T. H. Patrick, Souris.
W. H. Taylor, Carman.
W. A. Meskill, Dominion City.
G. E. Housser, Portage la Prairie.
B. Halloquest, Oak Lake.
J. McClain, Carman.
J. Forman, Alexander.
Judge Dubuc, St. Boniface.
G. R. Crowe, Winnipeg.
A. Brown, Winnipeg.
H. Byrnes, Winnipeg.
R. S. Thompson, Glenboro.
S. A. D. Bertrand, Winnipeg.
F. W. Peters, C. P. R., Winnipeg.
W. F. Buchanan, Winnipeg.
A. J. Hughes, Souris.
P. Atkins, Morden.
J. M. Taylor, Portage la Prairie.
Rev. Mackenzie, Morden.
Thos. Houlden, Rapid City.
C. W. Plummer, Bossevain.
F. W. Gauthier, Winnipeg.
T. A. Cameron, Winnipeg.
E. Winkler, Gretna.
H. Meredith, Brandon.
Dr. Spencer, Brandon.
G. H. Irving, Winnipeg.
G. A. Merrick, Winnipeg.
D. V. Sheel, Brandon.
J. E. Parr, Crystal City.
C. Widmeyer, Gretna.
John Law, Neepawa.
W. H. Whimster, Strathclair.
John Dick, Winnipeg.
G. H. Greenshaw, Shoal Lake.
N. McDougall, Moosejaw.
A. W. Fraser, Emerson.
W. H. Barton, Moosomin.
G. A. Larkin, Brandon.
D. Leckie, Hartney.
R. Gordon, Manitou.
F. L. Mitchell, Winnipeg.
H. R. Whiteworth, Morris.
J. A. Campbell, Manitou.
A. McDougall, Virden.
L. Widmeyer, Gretna.
A. H. Vankitten, Winnipeg.
Fred. Robinson, Winnipeg.
E. J. Barclay, Brandon.
G. N. Miller, Virden.
W. A. Robinson, Brandon.
Alex. Black, Winnipeg.
W. F. Kirby, Winnipeg.
F. L. Patton, Union Bank of Canada, Winnipeg.

The following are the crews of the two boats:

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Pilot—M. Smith.
Engineers—J. Smith and W. McDonald.
Firemen—A. Wright and R. Pete.
Deck Hands—R. McLeod and J.
Cook—Alex. McDonald.

COUCHICHING.

Captain—M. McKeigher.
Pilot—R. Ferris.
Engineers—S. Johnson and J. Marson.
Firemen—R. Griffin and S. Renolds.
Deck Hands—H. McBride and W. Smith.
Cook—Alex. Cameron.

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10:00 "		Portland, O., N. P.		6:30 "
3:00 "		Tacoma, W. T.		10:00 "
5:00 "		Seattle, W. T.		2:00 "
A 3:00 Lv		Victoria		Ar 19:30 "
18:30		Vancouver		14:25 "
13:10		Westminster		14:22 "
22:25		Banff Hot Springs		6:45 "
2:20		Calgary		2:30 "
9:30		Medicine Hat		18:15 "
21:55		Moose Jaw		7:10 "
23:36		Regina		5:23 "
1:21		Qu'Appelle		3:56 "
7:53 (Local)		Virden	(Local)	21:27 "
10:05 Ar. 11:15 Lv.	7:00	Brand'n	23:15	10:30 Ar 20:05 Lv.
14:14	9:40	Port'e la Pra'	20:45	16:47
16:30	11:45	Winnipeg	18:45	14:20
A 11:30 a. m. Lv		Winnipeg		Ar A 18:50 p. m.
18:10		Morris		12:15 a. m.
14:05		Gretna		11:20 "
3:20		Duluth		8:00 "
6:15 a. m.		Minneapolis		5:50 "
6:55 Ar		St. Paul		Lv 7:15 "
10:00 p.m. Ar		Chicago		Lv 11:00 p.m.
F 17:45 De		Winnipeg		E 10:10 Ar.
18:40		Selkirk East		9:21 "
20:07		Whitemouth		7:57 "
23:15		Keewatin		5:17 "
23:25		Norman		5:10 "
G 23:35		Rat Portage		E 5:00 "
6:10		Ignace		D 22:15 "
12:30		Fort William		15:10 "
G 13:15 Ar 2:30 p.m.		Port Arthur		14:30 Lv D 3:15 p.m.
H 8:13 p.m.		Sudbury		Ar. C 1:12 p.m.
H 7:00 p.m. Lv		North Bay		Ar. C 8:35 a.m.
B 4:30 a.m.		Toronto		B 11:00 p.m.
9:04		Hamilton		6:55 "
11:20 a.m.		Niagara Falls		4:35 "
11:35 noon		London		6:00 "
B 2:55 p.m. Ar		Detroit		Lv B 12:05 "
4:10 a.m.		Ottawa		12:20 a.m.
6:00 a.m.		Montreal		8:40 p.m.

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NORMAN.

THE RECORD desires to fill these columns with Norman matters the citizens can help us do it.

—Rev. J. L. Small has returned.

—The Normanites turned out well to the C. P. R. picnic.

—Mr. H. Cameron, of Rainy River, has been here this week.

—Miss Robertson returned last Monday from a visit to Glengarry, Ont.

—Mr. J. Woods, sawyer at Bulmer's mill, is ill with inflamation of the bowels.

—Mr. Kearney and bride and Mr. and Mrs. White are among the arrivals this week.

—Mr. Large has gone west to see the prairie country with a view of engaging in business on his own account.

—The Royal Templars will hold an ice cream social on Wednesday evening next in the hall, which promises to be well patronized.

—The steamer Empress arrived on Thursday from the Rainy River boom having in tow 1,200,000 feet of logs for the Minnesota & Ontario Lumber.

—Rev. Mr. Jamieson exchanges pulpits with Mr. J. L. Small and will preach here on Sunday evening. Mrs. Jamieson takes the Methodist service in the morning.

—Mr. J. H. Chaloner returned to Hartney, Man., on Tuesday, and will remove his lumber business from there to Napinka, at the end of the Souris branch of the C. P. R.

—The corporation work of digging the ditches north and south of the track is being done under the direction of Mr. R. B. Donkin, and will be a great benefit to our citizens.

—A hilarious individual got possession of a gun over at Rat Portage on Thursday evening and proceeded to paint the town red cowboy fashion. He was taken in charge by constables Woods and Emmons, and given an opportunity to cool off over the river on the hill. He was discharged from custody next day.

—Messrs. A. Carmichael, D. M. Ross and J. M. Savage visited Winnipeg this week.

—Mr. W. B. Cheshire, H. B. Co., Mr. and Mrs. Archer Martin, and Mr. Kennedy of Winnipeg were in town this week.

—In British Columbia there are 41 saw mills. The capacity of those in Vancouver is 210,000,000. The cash value of the year's output was in round numbers $1,000,000. The number of hands employed in these mills was 1,600. The mills have access to the finest timber country in Canada.

—The Duluth and Winnipeg road have begun the work of tracklaying above the Grand Rapids. The line will be pushed across what is known as the White Oak Point reservation, a distance of some five or six miles. It is believed that this is done to be in preparation to build the Crookston branch of the road. Large numbers of men are going to work on the extension.

—The railways of the United States increased their mileage in 1890 by 3.50 per cent. In the same year Canadian railways increased their mileage five per cent. The increase of freight carried was 13.28 per cent. in the United States; in Canada 16 per cent. The passengers increased 5.13 in the United States; 5.51 per cent. in Canada. In the meantime newspapers in the republic are telling their readers about the slowness and backwardness of the Dominion.

—A St. John N. B., dispatch to the Empire says the United States cutter Woodbury is patrolling the waters at Campobello, where the Canadian cruiser Dream seized six Yankee fishing boats some days ago. In consequence of the Woodbury's presence Maine fishermen are openly catching fish within Canadian lines. Reference to the United States hydrographic chart corrected to April last shows Coffin's Bay, where the Dream seized the Yankee boats, is unmistakably in Canadian waters.

—We have all heard of the well-known Forth bridge, which, it is claimed, has more steel in it than any bridge that is or ever was. Canada is a "wooden country," and can claim the greatest wooden bridge in the world. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company's new bridge at Milford, Manitoba, is 5,300 feet long and 75 feet high. There were used in the work 1,800,000 feet, board measure, 1,300 piles for supporting the trestles, and 150 piles for the abutment of the Howe truss of the great span. It was completed in five

GREAT SUCCESS.

C. P. R. Picnic at Rennie.

Monday last being the day fixed upon for the annual picnic under the auspices of the C. P. R. employees on this division, it was proclaimed a civic holiday, both in Rat Portage and Keewatin. All the saw mills, Keewatin flour mills and other manufactures and places of business shut down for the day to give all an opportunity of enjoying a holiday. Early in the morning the town was astir with citizens on pleasure bent. The Winnipeg citizens brass band came down the previous evening, and by their enlivening music on the streets served to rally the crowds to the station. A train of eleven cars was headed by engine No. 36, with engineer Wm. Puller at the lever, Mr. Geo. Daley fireing. The engine was handsomely decorated and looked very natty under its gay trimmings. The train was under the guidance of Conductors Wm. Downing and J. E. Rice. As is usual the C. P. R. authorities allowed the use of the train free of cost for the benefit of the library fund at Rat Portage. The train started with a large contingent, which was augumented at Norman and at Keewatin by the addition of two more cars, making thirteen crowded with young and old humanity bright with high spirits of anticipation. A quick run of a little over two hours took the train to its destination, which had been made picturesque by the erection of numerous tents and bowers. A train from Winnipeg swelled the number of picnicer till about one thousand people were added for the day to the population of sleepy little Rennie. A beautiful grove near the station nicely cleared out was the shady rendezvous at noon for disposing of the contents of the lunch baskets. A variety of amusements were engaged in, some taking a ramble gathering berries in the vicinity, and many availing themselves of the opportunity afforded for dancing on a large covered platform and the presence of the Winnipeg Itallian string band which rendered excellent music. The Winnipeg brass band was also on hand and enlivened the day with their choicest selections. Throughout the program of athletic sports the utmost harmony prevailed. The members of the working committee were most active in carrying out all necessary details, and are deserving of great credit for their self-sacrificing efforts. They are to be congratulated upon the great success of the picnic, all attending having enjoyed themselves, and returned well pleased with their trip to Rennie. The library fund will recieve a large addition by the net proceeds of the day.

A baseball match was played between Keewatin and Rat Portage clubs, Mr. Alf. Mellish, acting as umpire and Mr. D. A. McKay as scorer. Rat Portage won by 16 to 15. The following is the score:

RAT PORTAGE.

	1	2	3	4	5
J. Cadden	1	x	0	1	x
T. Hardisty	2	x	1	0	x
W. McVeigh	2	x	0	x	1
O. Lewis	0	x	0	x	1
W. Martin	1	x	1	0	0
G. Dulmage	1	0	x	1	x
B. Caslake	1	0	x	1	x
G. Caslake	1	0	x	1	x
H. Barnes	1	x	x	0	x
	10	0	1	4	1-16

KEEWATIN.

	1	2	3	4	5
R. Dunbar	1	0	x	0	x
J. Courtney	2	x	x	x	1
S. Stacey	3	x	0	x	1
C. Dunna	2	x	0	x	1
G. Jean	1	x	0	x	0
J. Jean	1	x	x	1	0
J. La'Appelle	x	1	x	1	x
G. Sudgen	0	0		0	x
J. Hackett	1	0	x	0	x
	10	1	0	2	2-15

The following is a list of the prize winners in the athletic sports.

100 yds., open to all—1st, R. Dunbar; 2nd, G. Waite.

100 yds., brakemen—1st, A. Shaw; 2nd, P. Dallas; 3rd, — Pearsey.

100 yds., firemen—1st, F. Munt; 2nd, M. Fleming.

100 yds., conductors—1st, W.

100 yds., engineers—1st, J. Barnes; 2nd, H. McLeod.

100 yds., officemen C.P.R.—1st, M. E. Fairwell, Keewatin; 2nd, — Wormworth.

100 yds., shopmen, C.P.R.—1st, — Stacey; 2nd, W. Wilson.

300 yds., open to all—1st, G. Waite; 2nd, R. Dunbar.

100 yds., section men—1st, Dames; 2nd, McLellan; 3rd, Roach.

100 yds., section foremen—1st, W. Wilson; 2nd, J. Wilson.

100 yds., special, C.P.R. employees W. Downing.

50 yds., boys under 14—1st, E. P. Peria; 2nd, D. Matheson.

50 yds., girls under 14—1st, Miss Cochrane; 2nd, Miss Desmares.

75 yds., boys under 17—1st, H. Holmes; 2nd, J. Fiddler.

75 yds., girls over 17—1st, Miss McLeod; 2nd, Miss McGraugh.

Married ladies' race—Mrs. Gibson.

100 yds., pipe race—1st, M. E. Fairwell; 2nd, A. Huckell.

100 yds., egg race—1st, M. E. Fairwell; 2nd, W. Higgins.

Three-legged race, 100 yds., 1st, M. Fleming and S. Munt; 2nd, G. Waite and M. E. Fleming.

Best lady waltzer—Miss F. McEwen.

Standing long jump—1st, Dr. Edmison; 2nd, H. McLeod.

Standing three jumps—1st, Dr. Edmison; 2nd, H. McLeod.

Running long jump—1st, D. C. McLellan; 2nd, — Segmiller.

Hop, step and jump—1st, Jas. Maxwell; 2nd, — Segmiller.

Running high jump—1st, Jas. Maxwell; 2nd, — Seigmuller.

Vaulting with pole—T. Hardisty and Jas. Maxwell.

Putting shot—1st, H. McLeod 2nd, — Lyon.

Quoiting Match—1st, W. Lang; 2nd, W. Burrage; 3rd, F. Munt.

Consolation race—1st, — McConnell; 2nd, W. McVeigh.

Special married ladies' race—1st, Mrs. Gibson; 2nd, Mrs. Woods.

FORT WILLIAM.

The C. P. R. has evidently established itself at Fort William for good, as evidenced by the extensive and costly improvements being made there. The company has already erected large docks, elevators and other buildings needed at a divisional point, and has now undertaken the construction of immense coal docks east of the present ones. These docks will have a storing capacity of 100,000 tons, and the machinery to be used in handling the coal, will be of the most modern character now in use in the United States. Eight hundred tons a day can be handled on each of these machines.

The company has also resumed work on the foundation of the elevator annex which was begun last year. For this foundation clusters of piles have been driven every twelve feet and cut off two feet below low water mark. On top of each cluster of piles there is a platform eight inches thick, bearing a mastive stone pier on which the main timbers of the building are supported, making a most substantial foundation. The capacity of the annex will be 1,350,000 bushels. It is the intention of the company to have it completed in time for the season's crop. Should the crop turn out as at present anticipated the company will, so it is rumored, build another elevator this year.

With all this work in progress, and given a good harvest, it will not be surprising if there is a population of 5,000 people in Fort William before the close of the year. It is quite apparent that the railway company intends making the town a place of great importance, and persons who pretend to be able to judge the future by events of the present, venture the prediction that in ten years Fort William will be as large as Duluth. It occupies the same relative position to Manitoba and the Northwest as Duluth does to Minnesota and Dakota, and as Chicago does to the territory west and south of it, and there certainly does seem to be good prospects of it becoming a city of considerable size and importance. It is not at all improbable that some of the whaleback steam propellers, one of which recently made a successful trip from Duluth to Liverpool, England with 2,850 tons of wheat, may be placed in the grain trade from Fort William. These whaleback boats promise to revolutionize western freight traffic, and instead of freight being transhipped at the seaboard, will be taken to and from the head of fresh water navigation. In the event of this being realized Fort William will be the point where all the shipping trade will be done for Western Canada, and will increase her already large shipping business immensely.

The line of Port Arthur & Duluth railway company has been built into Fort William and it is said that the

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TOWN TOPICS.

—The shareholders of the reduction works hold a general meeting on the 8th inst.

—The Ontario Commissioner of Crown Lands is expected to visit Rat Portage during next week.

—The meeting of the military camp at Sault Ste. Marie has been postponed until further orders.

—Mr. H. Elliott's little three year old boy fell off the Main street dock on Thursday evening, but was quickly rescued.

—Owing to other attractions in Winnipeg and the United Workmen's picnic, the Oddfellows' picnic to Rat Portage has been indefinitely postponed.

At the cullers examination on Saturday last sixteen candidates attended. The examination was written. The papers were sent to Toronto and the result will not be known till decided there.

—The C.P.R. will sell tickets to Winnipeg and return for one and one third fare, good to go on the 3rd and 4th and return on the 5th, to give an opportunity of attending the regatta on Winnipeg's civic holiday.

—"In time of peace prepare for war" is an old saying; Rat Portage curlers seem to be acting on the principle "in time of heat prepare for the ice." A meeting of the curling club is called for the 7th inst., for the election of officers and other business.

—Golden Encampment and Gold Hill Lodge of Oddfellows meet in Garfield Hall to-morrow afternoon (Sunday) at 15 o'clock, for the purpose of marching to Union Park cemetery to participate in the decoration ceremonies of the graves of deceased members.

—The Conservative association held a meeting last Friday evening for business. The voters lists were scrutinized and lists made of names to be asked to have struck off, and of names to be added. The association has decided definitely to rent the rooms in the Clougher block.

—The services tomorrow (Sunday) in Knox church, Presbyterian, will be as follows: Morning, at 11, Mr. C. M. Copeland, of Winnipeg, will officiate, assisted by the pastor. In the evening, at 19, the Rev. Mr. McKay, of Parkdale, Toronto, will preach. Mr. McKay is one of the able and excellent preachers of Canada.

—THE RECORD learned that Mr. Murray, the provincial detective who secured the evidence against Birchall, was here on Tuesday, and also learned his business, but does not deem it prudent or in the interests of justice that it should be made public at present. Another week may bring forth developments for the public to know.

—In addition to the C.P.R. and Lake of the Woods Milling Co.'s excursions, on Monday last there were a large number of private trips by boats to various points on the lake. All available boats, to say nothing of a coal oil yacht, were in requisition by those who preferred small private picnics to larger and more public gatherings.

—The steamer Highland Maid arrived on Sunday night from Fort Francis, and reported the drowning of Robert Wilson at Manitou rapids on Saturday morning from the steamer Shamrock, on which vessel he was a passenger. When the Shamrock arrived at the rapids Captain Lewis and Wilson entered a small boat to stretch a line up the river. In doing so the line caught the boat in the oarlock and overturned it, throwing the two men in the water. Lewis managed to grasp the boat and was rescued by Indians in a canoe, but Wilson was drowned. The body had not been recovered when the last boat left. He is well known in Rat Portage, and his parents are supposed to live

—The steamer Algoma arrived yesterday morning from the river boom with 1,200,000 feet of logs for Messrs. Ross, Hall & Brown.

—The steamer Chieftain leaves to-day for Fort Francis, carrying the mail and passengers, besides several settlers for the river.

—The Rev. R. Nairn had his old pastor, the Rev. Dr. Smith, of Kingston, paying him a visit this week. He was a guest at the manse.

—The service in the Methodist church to-morrow evening will be conducted by Mrs. Jamieson, the wife of the pastor, who will preach at Norman at that hour.

—The Reform Association held meetings on Tuesday and Thursday evenings to look after the interests of the party in the revision of the voters's list, and other business.

—The Epworth League meeting in connection with Zion Methodist church on Monday evening next will be conducted by Mr. James Robinson. Subject: "A Shadow from the Heat."

—The Methodist Sunday school will hold their annual picnic on Tuesday afternoon next on the shore of Rideout Bay. There will be swings, boating and other amusements provided for the children.

—The Christian Endeavor Society of Knox church is becoming a very strong one. There is already a membership of over 60. The Missionary Committee of the Christian Endeavor has pledged itself to support two boys in Africa.

—Mr. H. Travis has just received an elegant piano from W. D. Karn & Co., of Woodstock, for whom he has been appointed agent for this district for their pianos and organs. The sample piano may be seen at Campbell's book and fancy goods store.

—Mr. B. S. Jenkins, Superintendent of the C. P. R. telegraphs, and Mr. S. Edwards, inspector were here on an official visit on Tuesday. This is the first visit since the opening of the town office at Mr. A. Campbell's store, and they expressed themselves as well pleased with the business at this point.

—The ratepayers of Ward 3 are enquiring as to the intentions of the Council in reference to the petition presented three week ago to open Fourth, Fifth and Julius streets, and the removal of the nuisance ground. The stench there this hot weather is fearful, and some of the petitioners find it very difficult to get teams in to supply them water or other necessaries.

—The steamer Highland Maid arrived from Fort Francis this morning with the following passengers: Mr. Thos. Atkinson, Beaver Hill; Messrs. Teske and Towne, mouth of river; Mr. A. Lunn, Ems Settlement; Messrs. A. and D. Smith, and W. J. Ferguson, of the Boom; Messrs. Sheriff Carpenter, Murray and Chambers, Long Sault; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bartley, Mr. and Mrs. David Irwin, Miss McKenzie, Rev. McKenzie, Fort Francis.

—Riley, the man who assaulted Mr. Robt. Gerrie at the Grand Union in Winnipeg two years ago, has at last been placed behind the bars. It will be remembered that Mr. Gerrie, in trying to pacify Riley, who was creating a disturbance in the hotel, was assaulted and seriously injured. As a result of the injury Mr. Gerrie lost an eye. Before Riley could be arrested he had returned to Pilot Mound, where he was proprietor of an hotel. Mr. Gerrie had a warrant issued for Riley's arrest, and while he was being brought to the city in charge of Policeman Cox he escaped and went to the States. He turned up in Kansas City and a short time ago was arrested for robbing an express company of a large amount of money. He was tried and found guilty and has just been sentenced to fifteen years imprisonment. Riley was well known in Rat Portage, being for a time a C.P.R. conductor

Mining Matters.

—The Reduction Works are having their premises wired for fifty electric lights, so that they can run night and day when they start.

—Mr. John Dobie is here for about a week's visit, putting matters into shape to resume operations on the Pine portage mine. The concentrates obtained when the last milling was done are to be treated at the reduction works at once.

And now it is said that Mr. Caldwell of the Sultana and the Mathers have come to an amicable settlement and that there will be no further trouble in continuing work on the mine. It is needless to say a number of people now breathe easier.

—Mr. J. K. Wright returned on Tuesday and has made arrangements to go on operating the Gold Hill mining property. The work of erecting a ten stamp mill has already been proceeded with, the machinery for that purpose being already on the ground.

Personal Paragraphs.

—Capt. Brereton, of Cross Lake, is in town.

—Mr. J. K. Brydon has returned from his trip east.

—Mr. Linn went to St. Paul on Tuesday to be absent about a week.

—Mr. Wm. B. Blanding, of St. Croix Falls, returned to town after an absence of about ten days.

—Miss Rose, our amiable manipulator of the telephone switch board, is taking her well earned summer holidays.

—Miss Christopher and Miss Francie Christopher, nieces of Mr. C. W. Chadwick, arrived this morning from Ingersoll and will spend two or three months at the Rookery.

—Mr. W. Woods, Grand Trunk agent at Bowmanville, Ont., and his sister, Miss Woods, of Cobden, are visiting their brothers here, Messrs. Arthur and Russel Woods.

—Mr. W. H. Knowles leaves on Wednesday next for Upson, Ashland Co., Wis., on a trip, to be absent about six weeks. He will go as far as Cleveland before returning.

—Mr. Felix Forneri, formerly resident here, and employed on the old PROGRESS staff, has returned to town from St. Paul. His sister will return from the same place next week.

—Messrs. Archie Campbell, Dr. McDonald, Geo. Drewry, E. Arnold, J. W. Colcleugh, and Mr. Macdougall, of the Sanford Mfg. Co. chartered the steamer Kennina for a trip to Fort Francis on Sunday last, returning on Tuesday.

—Mrs. G. H. Reed and family returned on Tuesday from a visit to St. Paul, Minn. Miss Reed, a niece resident there, accompanied them. Mr. Reed is locomotive foreman for the C.P.R. here. He returned on the 18th from a trip to St. Paul and other points.

—Messrs. Wm. Blanding & Co. of St. Croix Falls, Wis., have secured an option on the location of Messrs. Holmes, Nelson and Swanson, about ten miles south east of the town. The figure agreed on, is a good one, and it is hoped the deal will result in work being proceeded with on the mine.

—Miss Mary Stevenson, of Rat Portage (formerly of Clinton,) cousin of Mrs. Matheson, was married a few days since to Mr. McQuarrie, of Superior City, a former resident of Wingham.—The above is clipped from a Clinton paper. The groom mentioned is Mr. Wm. McQuarrie, for some time resident in Rat Portage.

—Mr. Schnarr, of Rat Portage, was in town for a few days this week looking up a few old friends. Mr. Schnarr is perhaps the most popular young man in Rat Portage, being a good all-round athlete, and one of the principal members of the dramatic club, the four-oared crew of which he was stroke were successful in winning the prize against Winnipeg in the four-oared race which took place at the late regatta held in Rat Portage. Mr. Schnarr is on his way to attend an encamp-

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The drowning of Lt.-Col. Boswell's little girl at Sandy Beach, Coney Island on, Monday last, cast a gloom over the whole community, and particularly over the large colony of holiday makers from the neighborhood of Winnipeg. It appears, that the little girl was playing with a number of other children on the boat wharf on the Coney Island beach. When last seen she was returning from Sandy beach with others of the family, who had been bathing. She must have almost immediately returned unnoticed, for shortly after Miss Boswell went down to the lake for a pail of water, and observing what she thought to be a bundle of clothing floating on the surface she drew it in, and was horrified to find that it was her little sister. The alarm was given and every effort made at resuscitation. Dr. Scovil, who was promptly on the spot, worked hard and persistently to bring back a spark of life, but the labor was altogether fruitless, as life was probably extinct some time before the finding of the little body. On Monday night Col. Boswell arrived here and took back the body on Tuesday morning's train. Mrs. Boswell and family went also, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Fullerton. Mr. Geo. Barnes had charge of the undertaking and went with the remains to Winnipeg, where they were enterred on Tuesday. Friends of the bereaved family sincerely sympathize with them in the loss sustained under such sad circumstances. Mrs. Boswell and the children were spending a season under canvass on the shores of the Lake of the Woods.

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